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THE LITTLE BROWN GARDEN

little brown garden, you play: you're asleep,
out of your tangled gray grasses you peep,
soon as the snow and the tempests are over
'll turn very slowly and push off your cover.
then in a corner the tassel will show
your gay little nightcap—I know and I know.
tassel of yellow or purple or red,
ed over the edge of a dark flower bed,
your quilt and your blankets all colors will
be—
little brown garden, you're not fooling me.

THE RISING TIDE OF COLOR

work of exceeding worth. "So ends our survey;
girdled the earth," says the author at the close
volume. Perusing these three hundred pages
s though we sat somewhere out in space within
s of the world,—say, on a horn of the moon,
studied the peoples, their movements, their
y, their schemes, their unconscious alignments
inevitably mean so much in the development
e Human Race. One has the feeling of cosmo-
nism; one actually "girdles the earth."
mankind is classified under colors; there are
million Whites, 500 million Yellows, 450 million
s, 150 million Blacks, and only about 40 mil-
Reds. These figures are approximate. This
a total of about 1,150,000,000 colored peoples
0,000,000 white people. These five races, like
men, are out on the board.

the past 400 years there has been nothing start-
ing in this disparity of numbers. But recently,
ally as the outgrowth of two mighty forces,
f missionary service to the world and a conse-
civilization accompanying it, and (b) of the
l War in which the Whites alone suffered ir-
able losses and in which the Yellows and Browns
Blacks have been aroused wide-awake, the dis-
becomes a menace.

problem is made more intricate and terrify-
y the vast area of the world under the control
hly distributed White population. While "the
d races outnumber the whites more than two to
the fact appears that fully four-fifths of the
race are concentrated on one-fifth of the white
world, while the other one-fifth is "scattered
e ends of the earth."

the author has devoted one chapter each to the
colors; then in four other chapters he discusses
marvelous rising of White supremacy in the four
ries between 1500 and 1900 which he regards

as the "most prodigious phenomenon in all recorded
history."

But in 1900 he finds the "high-water mark of the
white tide which had been flooding for four hundred
years." At that time began the ebbing. For twenty
years that ebb has been going on, and the sure portent
of this Great War is the hastening of the decline of
white supremacy.

It is a terrifying book. Not all readers will agree
with its prognostication. Yet one need first acquaint
himself with the facts, numerous and significant,
which Dr. Stoddard marshalls to his argument. Two
important matters the author seems to have ignored
or underestimated. If there never has been a real
White solidarity, how will it come about that two
colors so divergent as Yellow and Brown shall inden-
tify themselves as one race; the thing is vastly im-
probable.

The other neglected item is what the Medieval
theology overasserted as Providence, a thing how-
ever of which the philosophy of history must take
account. There is, to use Kant's expression, a
"stream of tendency;" we may call it with Browning
"a Hand always above my shoulder;" or sing with
Tennyson, "Through the ages one increasing purpose
runs." For the soul that still has faith in what
Paul Janet calls the "Universal end of things," that
still believes in God not only as Creator but also
as Master of the universe, this book will have no
terrors but much valuable instruction.

Its publication is opportune in this year when
the whole matter of immigration is up for considera-
tion, and especially the American immigration of the
colored races. ("The Rising Tide of Color" by Loth-
rop Stoddard, with Introduction by Madison Grant;
320 pp. Charles Scribners Sons, New York, \$3.00.)

Rev. Emmanuel Hoskins has passed to the other
life. He had been in poor health for sometime. He
had lived a strenuous life, was pastor in many hard
fields in California, a faithful, reliable minister, and a
good friend. He was ordained in 1880 and thus has
rounded out full forty years of service. He was a quiet
patient man, unassuming and modest, one who by
his life impressed the gospel of Jesus upon all with
whom he was in any wise associated. "The Kingdom
of God is like heaven." The holiest influences that
come from man come not so much from what he does,
as from what he is. Brother Hoskins will long be
held in the loving memory of those who knew him.
The sympathy of all goes out to the wife whom he
leaves behind for a season.

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RESPECT FOR THE LAW

Why, law an' order, honor, civil right,
Ef they ain't wuth it, wut is wuth a fight?
I'm older'n you: the plough, the axe, the mill,
All kin's o' labor an' all kin's o' skill,
Would be a rabbit in a wile-cat's claw,
Ef't war'nt for thet slow critter, 'stablished law;
Onsettle thet, an' all the world goes whiz,
A screw's got loose in everythin' there is.

THE SANTA ROSA MOB

No true patriot believes in lynching. There is no excuse for a mob where law and police and courts exist. The criminal behind the black mask is no better than he who is dragged from his cell to swift judgment. The fact that the Santa Rosa crowd waited five days before carrying out its foul purpose is the severer condemnation. Had it been a mad impassioned mob, it were more excusable.

That mob killed one man who would not have been hung by any court upon a fair trial. He did not merit death according to the law. Mobs always go too far. Mobs do not respect the law. Justice is not safe where mobs thrive.

The miscarriage of justice in our courts will explain why men's thoughts revert to violence. The other day a man on Market street was shot down in cold blood by another, because the wife of the murderer said she had been flirted with. The murderer was tried, acquitted, and has disappeared. Everybody knew he was guilty; it was the maudlin sentimentality of the jury that freed him.

There is a lurking suspicion in everybody's heart that some of these Howard street toughs may escape just punishment by some trick of the law. There are too many tricks. If they should be convicted they may easily shorten their stay in the penitentiary. The whole thing is too slow, too uncertain, too easily evaded. We want a speedier justice, and a more adequate protection from the confirmed criminal.

Justice demands that red-tape should be eliminated, that our courts should come to a decision more quickly, that loop-holes for escape be plugged up, that the penalties of the persistent criminal be stiffened up, and that we rid ourselves of "mushiness" concerning crime. The safety of the community, the respect of the courts, demand these amendments.

Where the agencies of justice are despised, anarchy will reign.

A VICE ORGY

Our state has been shocked—not at any new vice condition—but at the sudden revelation of conditions that have existed for some time. The police must have known of these conditions. Everybody else had his suspicions. Women according to common hearsay have been addressed and embarrassed by loafers in front of cigar stands and on street corners. Nobody believed that conditions were what they ought to be. It has taken a terrible outbreak, the kidnapping and outraging of young girls, the murder of police officers, to startle the people awake to the degeneracy of the times.

The Police Commission has made the discovery that the boxing tournaments, which are actually prize-fights masquerading under another name, have a vicious influence upon our youth. It is rather late in the day to make that discovery. The ministers of the churches have been saying that for some time only to be sneered at as anaemic and effeminate. Boxing-bouts may be innocuous when rightly conducted; that is still an open question. But as conducted in San Francisco and other places hereabouts, they are injurious.

A representative of the Law Enforcement League is responsible for the statement that the law is constantly violated in allowing men, who have ever received payment of any sort for boxing, to appear in the contests. It is about time that the police of our cities wake up to this fact, and to several others in the same line.

EARL LECTURES AND RETREAT

The three days conference at Berkeley from November 15 to 18 was unquestionably a success. About 150 ministers from 12 denominations were in attendance. Dean Bade thought it worthy of mention that during the whole session there had not been a word of recrimination. The inference is not to be made, however, that the leading addresses were neutral non-committal or colorless; nor is it to be implied that everybody believed what everybody said.

There were some shockingly modern utterances, some sharp overturnings, some far-seeing glimpses, but every word was constructive, and where newes held promise of a better faith. The conference was characterized by a unanimity of spirit, without however conformity of opinion.

The outstanding address of the session (if we are to make discriminations) was really a fortuitous accident. Professor G. A. Johnston Ross of the Union Theological Seminary happened to be in the vicinity, and the speaker of Wednesday morning happened to be unable to meet his appointment, with the consequence that those present at the morning session heard an unforgettable message, and got insight into the processes of God they had only faintly suspected. Prof. Ross spoke upon the theme, "The Bible and the minister."

the Earl lectures by Richard Roberts of the Church of the Pilgrims in Brooklyn were three in number, somewhat unequal in kind, upon the theme, "Jesus our Time." He has the faculty of doing his own thing in large measure; he also makes a wide use of contributing many an apt quotation to buttress his argument. Usually he goes quite well down to the root of the matter. All of which good qualities, with a Welsh accent and a clean-cut articulation, make him a popular lecturer though his subject matter is only for the elect.

In his first two lectures, upon "Life and Things" and "Right and Wrong" reached a high level, which the third lecture upon "The Son of Man" failed to maintain. To those who had heard the first two the last was a disappointment; for the speaker seemed to shift his dependence from thinking to oratory, and moreover this lecture broke the continuity, it did not by any ingenuity be made to dovetail with the preceding. It steered us elsewhere instead of completing the journey.

But this mild criticism seems ungrateful in the presence of the fine gifts we received from Mr. Roberts, both in his two Earl lectures and in the two informal talks with which he enriched the Retreat.

A FRIENDLY MAN

The death of Rev. Edwin J. Singer brought sadness to many hearts up and down this coast. He had labored for the past thirty-five years in so many different capacities in so many different parts of our continent, and had touched in such a friendly way many lives. He had been Sunday school worker in the State of Washington; then he had come to San Francisco, to be the Sunday school representative in Northern California. After years of service at that capacity, he was disabled by ill-health. He then took up a line of work among our weaker churches for which he was so eminently qualified. He was a "mother" to churches that needed mothering.

Many a church discouraged and about to die, was cheered and brought back to efficiency and hope. He will long be remembered as the "friendly man," the savior of churches, the good friend to every man. Mr. Singer was taken suddenly ill while eating lunch with a brother minister in a San Francisco restaurant on Monday, Nov. 22. He had preached the previous day at Guerneville, and had just attended the meeting of the Monday Club. At the Emergency Hospital it was discovered that he was suffering from progressive cerebral hemorrhage. From the beginning there was no hope. He passed away the following Wednesday. He had his wish; when H. H. Wikoff died some months past, sinking into an unconsciousness from which he never recovered, Mr. Singer said,—"I would like to die that way."

The funeral services were held in the First Congregational church of San Francisco, where he was a member, and where he preached his first sermon in California. Rev. Raymond C. Brooks, his friend and counsellor for many years, spoke most fitting and

comforting words at the service; six ministerial friends acted as pall-bearers.

THE STUDY OF THE BIBLE

Frank M. Sheldon and the Congregationalist have done a fine thing in presenting their constituency with a fair statement of the Modern View of the Bible. The articles, entitled "The Study of the Bible," are frank, fearless, and revealing. We only regret that they were followed up by an editorial which seems almost to beg pardon for their publication.

The Congregationalist ought to be proud of the fact that it was wise enough and true enough to Jesus to print these seven studies. It would be a worthy thing now for them to issue these studies in pamphlet form for distribution among the people who do not read that paper.

It is no wonder that college young people in such numbers have gratefully received these studies, given as a lecture at Northfield. They will help any soul that is troubled with the problem of adjusting the old view of the Bible, with the new conception which is growing more and more unavoidable among thinking people.

NOT A PRETTY SPECTACLE

The institution founded by Mary Baker Eddy is having a heap of trouble these days. A legal fight between the Mother church and its Publication Society has been raging now for many months and already has instilled in the local churches much bitter feeling. Recently the case was up before one of the higher courts with a notable array of attorneys on both sides, thirty men of national repute—a choice bit of advertising by the way.

What we are querying is,—Why does not this religious organization practice what it preaches? Why not "deny" the trouble and thus end it? Surely it must be a product of mortal mind, and therefore can not exist "in reality." There is "no sin," no fight, there can be no such thing. "God is all;" "God is love." Can there be any kind of a battle, where love is?

But soberly, a church which proclaims itself as the quintessence of Christianity ought to find some more Christlike way to adjust its affairs than by parading its dissensions before an unbelieving world. Such a contest is a "hissing and a reproach."

Perhaps never before in the history of the church has any organization so boldly and publicly denied in practice its fundamental tenets, and still continued without apparent embarrassment to proclaim its refuted teaching. Thinking people will naturally answer with a proverb once quoted by Jesus,— "Physician, heal thyself."

But consistency has never been the exquisite jewel of Eddyism.

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WAYSIDE NOTES

Pacific University of Forest Grove, Oregon, feeling the need of improvement in buildings, salaries and equipment, is out on a four-year campaign for funds. Already a considerable enthusiasm has been stirred. One friend of the college, Mr. H. G. Colton of Portland, has started the campaign with a gift of one thousand dollars. The Congregationalists of Washington in their State Conference at Spokane on Oct. 5th took a great interest in the movement and appointed Rev. Frank Dyer of Tacoma, Rev. P. E. Bauer of Seattle, and Rev. C. F. Clapp of Washougal a committee to investigate the needs and to report suitable recommendations in the matter.

The new Sunday school chart for all those that are working the missionary-giving scheme is very attractive and effective. Sunday schools that have not gone in on this plan ought to write to Supt. Rathbone for information and a chart. Like a thermometer the chart will show just what the missionary temperature of your Sunday school is.

The Bay Association had a fine meeting with the Alameda church on Dec. 16th. The afternoon session was given over to the discussion of the city problem: Messrs. Rathbone and Van Horn told the story of the cities on the east and west side of the bay; Mr. Dodge reported what had been accomplished in Cleveland; and R. C. Brooks spoke on "the challenge of the cities." About 70 persons sat down to the Forefather's banquet; after-dinner speeches were made by Prof. Alice Luce of Mills College, and Rev. L. L. Wirt. The address of the evening was by Willard B. Thorp of the Palo Alto church upon, "The Religion of the Pilgrims and of Today."

The Eureka church on the morning of December 5th held a memorial service for Rev. E. J. Singer who had supplied them for some time following the death of their pastor, Rev. H. E. Banham. In that time he made many warm personal friends who were saddened by the news of his death. After the memorial service the Communion was observed, and eleven members received into the church.

Rev. Henry G. Miller who was a few years ago pastor of the San Francisco Park Church, has recently suffered a stroke and has been compelled to give up his work at Ocean Beach, San Diego for a while. He is recovering nicely.

Rev. Frank E. Dell has been called to the Grass Valley church and he has accepted, resigning from his pastorate at Highland. This is the third time Mr. Dell has been pastor at Grass Valley. A fine testimonial of the sort of man he is and the kind of work he does.

The Congregational Church Building Society has made arrangements to insure churches and parsonages as follows: Frame or brick parsonages at 75c per \$100. Brick, stone or concrete churches and contents at \$1.00 per \$100. Frame, or brick and frame, churches and contents at \$1.25 per \$100.

Don't delay!

Rev. F. C. Rolls finishes his pastorate at Saratoga by the end of 1920. He has been there for four and a half years. Mr. and Mrs. Rolls are planning to sail immediately for England to visit friends, and he probably will take up work in that land. Their son, who is in the Episcopal ministry will accompany them abroad.

Rev. T. Hector Dodd of Antioch has accepted a call to the Pacific Grove church, and is at work there.

The Glen Ellen church has met with a serious loss in the death of J. D. Mehl, a young man 26 years of age. Mr. Mehl moved on to a ranch in the neighborhood of the town early in the spring. He found the community without church services or Sunday school. He and his wife immediately began an effort to start a school for the children and to resurrect the church with the result that there is now a thriving church in the community under the pastoral care of Rev. Isaac McRae, and a vigorous Sunday school. This is a fine monument to the memory of a devoted Christian young man.

The Modoc Association met with the Alturas church November 9th and 10th, Rev. J. R. Shoemaker moderator presiding. The presence of Secretaries Rathbone and Hinman added interest and inspiration to the meetings. These brethren spoke on "The program of the year," "The Pilgrims in America," and "Missionary education." The central theme of the Conference was Religious Education. Reports from the fields showed a fairly satisfactory condition. It was felt that there ought to be two more pastors in this growing field and Supt. Rathbone was asked to secure them. J. R. Shoemaker was elected delegate to the National Council.

Monday Club Testimonial

On Thursday, November 26th. Reverend E. J. Singer reached the end of the first chapter in the Book of Life when his spirit was set free for some fresh venture of faith in the Unseen Part of the Great Father's House. We, who have known him well desire to put on record our appreciation of his character and of his contribution to the churches of our order and to extend to Mrs. Singer and to their daughter our sympathy in their loss and to share with them our joy in the faith which transfigures every such experience.

Mr. Singer had been a Congregational minister for thirty-five years, known and honored by the churches of the Pacific Coast. For the greater part of this time he had served as Superintendent of the Sunday School Society, first in Washington then in Northern California. For the last ten years he has worked with singular fidelity and patience in connection with the Home Missionary and the Sunday School Societies, caring for pastorless churches or helping to guide struggling churches over rough places. His unfailing cheerfulness, his goodwill, his untiring readiness to spend and to be spent leave us rich in the memory of this brother beloved and grateful for the association with him in tasks that belong to the kingdom of the Eternal.

suggest that this expression of our loss and faith be recorded on the minutes of the Monday and that a copy be sent to Mrs. Singer when amend most earnestly to "the God of all comfort who comforteth us in all our afflictions that we are able to comfort them that are in any affliction through the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."

A REPORT OF PROGRESS BACKWARD

Names on mailing list Sept. 1....	923
New subscribers added.....	32
Subscribers discontinued	50
Net loss since Sept. 1.....	18
Present mailing list	905

Harley Gill of Stockton in a sermon against violence to a crowded church on Sunday evening, November 12th said: "I take exception to the statement that the hanging of three gangsters was done by good people of Sonoma County; if the Santa Rosa mob was like other mobs, it was made up of the lowest of citizens rather than the highest. . . . We are of the opinion that something must be done, and the remedy is not mob violence. . . . Mob violence has miserably failed as a deterrent of crime. . . . I condemn it because it often results in miscarriage of justice. . . . I condemn it because of the ease with which it is extended to every kind of deed. . . . I condemn it because it breaks down the basis of all law. . . . I condemn it because it leads to the notion of the responsibility of murder committed by 100 men less than that committed by one man."

J. H. Batten of our Santa Barbara church is engaged in a fight to do away with prize-fights and prize bouts in that city.

William D. McDonald, assistant pastor of the South church, Oakland, died on Sunday evening, November 26th, very suddenly following a serious illness.

The Monday club has voted to meet on the east side of the Bay on the first and third Mondays of each month. Officers for first six months of 1921 are: W. W. Furze, President; Rev. W. J. Speers, Vice-President and Rev. Chas. F. Clark, Secretary.

George H. DeKay has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Kahului church, Hawaii.

The Mill Valley Sunday school raised \$45.00 for the Chinese orphanage.

This year begins on Wednesday, February 9. Easter comes on March 27, about as early as it ever comes.

Do you know that only 250 years ago there was a law in England that prohibited workingmen from moving from one place to another; and that the law was strictly enforced on the specious plea that the wandering man might become a burden to the new community?

THE INSTITUTION

Woodside

A very graceful act was performed in connection with the Sunday school on November 28th. A number of friends of the church had gotten together and bought a handsome wrist watch for Miss May Huddart who has for some five years or more been Superintendent of the Sunday school. The presentation was made at the opening of the Sunday school session, much to the surprise of the elect lady, and to the satisfaction of the assembled children.

Piedmont (Interdenominational.)

Pastor Milliken has been having some very interesting Sunday morning services. Within a few months the Sunday school has doubled in attendance. This church has been noted for its generosity. It has recently given \$100 for the needy children of Europe, and also has turned in a check of \$180 for the starving orphans of Armenia.

Berkeley, First

Sunday evening, November 28th, had a noteworthy service. It was the pageant furnished by the American Bible Society, entitled "The Pilgrim and the Book." There was a large congregation of deeply interested people. The pageant was presented by about 60 persons. The pastor, Raymond C. Brooks, took the part of "The Pilgrim," and developed marked histrionic ability. Rev. Dennis Goodsell was "Moses;" and in the personnel was also the versatile Mayor of Berkeley. The service for it was a service—was impressive and deeply religious. It is hoped that many other churches will undertake the same presentation during these winter months. The same pageant was presented on the morning of the same day at the First of Oakland.

Green Street, San Francisco

The Spanish church reports that their Sunday school is growing; recently there were twenty young people present at their Christian Endeavor meeting. There is room for a large work among the Spanish speaking people in this neighborhood.

San Francisco, First

The Annual meeting was held around the dinner tables, with several hundred members and friends present. The reports showed a splendid progress during the year. One hundred and forty-five new members had been received; and though a number of names were put on the retired list the church shows a substantial growth. Most of the official board was re-elected, with a few new members added. The financial report shows all bills paid and a balance in the treasury, notwithstanding a heavy increase in expenses. The Finance committee called for a budget of \$40,000 for the coming year. This calls for a \$10,000 increase in collections; a considerable increase in the Benevolences is included in this. A Sunday University is planned, with the employment of paid teachers to offer religious education to the public on a practical and scientific basis. It is to be for all who desire to secure knowledge along Bible lines. Dr. Gordon said the only way to large success is to do things in a large way. It is

hoped the plan will prove to be a model for other city churches. The meeting was full of enthusiasm. The outlook for the year is full of promise.

Oakland, Calvary

On the evening of October 31, a large congregation gathered for a farewell service for one of our members, Dr. Alma L. Cooke, who goes as a medical missionary to China. Miss Cooke's father, Rev. William H. Cooke, was the first pastor of this church. Greetings from the Christian Endeavor Society were extended by the president Miss Vera Leach, and also from the Woman's Association by Mrs. Thomas M. Robinson. Pastor Schwimley preached a good-bye sermon from the text, "Thy kingdom come;" after which Dr. Cooke spoke some fitting words of appreciation. At the close of the meeting a reception was held in the reception room of the church. On display in the church parlors were many articles contributed by the different organizations and personal friends for the comfort of the young missionary. On Tuesday evening, November 2, the Endeavor society entertained delegates from the Alameda County societies to the number of fifty; dinner and a fine program made it a notable evening.

Palo Alto

Willard B. Thorp, pastor. There has been a fine increase of interest and attendance in the church since the coming of the new pastor. Twelve new members were received in November. The membership roll is being carefully revised. The pastor is preaching a five-minute sermon to the children of the Sunday school at the opening of the morning service, which is resulting in holding them to the services of the church. A Young People's Round-Table of high-school and college age meets every Sunday evening at 5:30 in the kitchen where something hot is passed around, then there is a song drill before the open fire, and that is followed by an hour of intensive study of the life of Christ led by the pastor.

Niles

Rev. R. B. Cherington is supplying the pulpit regularly while the church is selecting a permanent pastor. The Sunday school is flourishing and the church attendance is good.

San Rafael

Pastor Martin had the pleasure on the first Sunday in December of receiving eight new members.

San Diego, First

Rev. Roy Campbell has accepted the call of this church and is already at work. He had made so many friends among the people during his months of Y. M. C. A. work during the war that the hearts of people immediately turned to him. His work in Pilgrim church Seattle had been very successful; the finances were brought up to an efficient level, the young peoples work thoroughly organized, and the morning and evening audiences were invariably large.

Lodi

Rev. Chas. S. Price, pastor, has been preaching a series of sermons on the "Psychology of religion" to large congregations. A Harvest Home festival was observed on November 7th with 2,700 pounds of nuts,

fruits and vegetables for decoration; the following morning it was all loaded on to a truck and taken to Oakland where Mr. Price distributed it to needy families. On November 28th the church celebrated Thanksgiving Sunday with a thank offering of \$800. In the evening a cantata "The landing of the Pilgrims" was rendered to a crowded house, the pastor's sermon being upon "The melting pot." The church is making a \$6,000 improvement to furnish class rooms for the Sunday school. The whole work is very happy and prosperous under the new pastor's leadership; and he is "back in the ministry to stay."

San Jose.

The annual meeting was one of the best ever enjoyed by the church. An old church debt that had been eating up interest for the past twelve years has been all paid off; all bills were paid; and the pastor's salary increased. The church accepted the apportionment of \$2,000 as its share of the Congregational World Movement. The pastor Rev. E. A. King has been preaching a series of sermons on "Psychology and religion," and on Wednesday evenings has been giving lectures on New Thought from the Christian standpoint. These lectures have been printed each week in one of the city newspapers.

Sonoma.

The Ladies Aid Society held a bazaar recently and made a great success of it. The treasurer reports net profits \$260. The trustees of the church at their recent business meeting reported all bills of the church paid and a balance of \$140 in the treasury.

Alturas.

The church has been much encouraged by the visit of Revs. L. D. Rathbone and G. W. Hinman. Supr. Rathbone preached a very helpful sermon on Sunday morning and Secretary Hinman gave us a fine lecture in the evening with pictures. At a thank offering service the Ladies Missionary Society gave \$75 for missions. The church is reaching the whole community. Many young people are attending its services.

San Mateo

Pastor R. H. Baldwin is preaching a series of eight evening sermons upon "Voices of the Past," being studies in Old Testament prophecy. Some of the subjects are, "The shepherd prophet," "The rainbow prophecy," "The singer of joyful tidings," "Faith's constant star," and "The prophet of the morning." On November 14th the pastor spoke to the largest congregation so far in his pastorate. Recently ten new members by letter have been received, four infants and five children baptized. The Ladies Aid Society always an active agency in the church recently cleared over \$200 which they have invested in table furnishings. A recent house-to-house canvass of the city by the ministers has added more than 100 families to the Congregational parish.

Oroville

The fact, that pastor Johnson has consented to remain with the job, seems to have put new zeal into the hearts of the people. On the first Sunday in November the church received the largest class of new members in its history. Six of them were on confession

s from one Sunday school class, showing that one
 other was on the job. The remainder of the fifteen
 letter were as follows—five Baptists, two South
 Methodists, one Presbyterian, and one Congregation-
 t. Dr. Johnson is evidently working an Inter-
 church, in his own church.

Maluma

E. Robinson, pastor. The church has been much
 lengthened at the first communion of this pastorate
 the reception of ten adults into its membership.

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enty-five people have come together and organized
 selves into a Congregational church. At their
 quest the trustees of the Conference have appointed
 t. Rathbone to go up there with some pastor whom
 may choose to receive them into the fellowship of
 churches.

ta Cruz.

ton M. Palmer, pastor. The church has been very
 ch awake since the beginning of the new pastor-
 , in September. A six-weeks School of Missions
 been held with attendants of 100; at the Novem-
 communion 19 new members were received, the
 mer pastor Rev. A. W. Hare assisting at the ser-
 e. To the Near East Relief \$166 has been given by
 mbers of the church and Sunday school. The
 ery Member Canvas has resulted in pledges for
 000. A happy and courageous feeling pervades the
 ole church.

chachiapi.

Rue C. Watson, pastor. After a month's work in
 new field, the pastor had the pleasure November
 h of organizing a Congregational Community
 urch of 32 members, five of them coming on con-
 sion of faith. Superintendent Kengott was present
 d assisted in the services. He said that he had
 ely if ever seen a new church launched under such
 orable conditions. This community had had in it
 on-functioning Methodist church; but when the
 rn County Interchurch conference was held in
 rkersfield, the conference directed the Methodists
 withdraw the Congregationalists to assume the
 onsibility. It is the only Protestant church within
 adius of twenty miles or more. The Kern District
 ociation met on the following Tuesday and re-
 ved the church into the fellowship. Rev. Carl S.
 tton of Los Angeles First gave the principal
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y. C. H. C. Jackson, pastor. The Intermediate and
 ior Societies have also contributed \$9.00 for gifts
 the aged inmates of the county hospital at Mar-
 ez, and the Junior Society sent the sum of \$16.00
 t week to aid the famine sufferers in Northern
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Said the Governor of West Virginia, "I doubt
 eedingly if there is a single community in the
 te that would favor a return to the old days when
 e saloons were a political power in the community
 t had to be considered in spite of the terrific
 ultant cost, both in money and social degradation."

A MINISTER'S DAUGHTER

When William H. Cooke graduated from the Pacific
 Theological Seminary he went out into the northwest
 corner of Oakland and started a church which was
 known as the Golden Gate church, because it was
 directly in front of that famous entrance to San
 Francisco Bay. Mr. Cooke was for years the pastor
 of the church.



As a result of his life and teaching his daughter
 Alma, a graduate from both the collegiate and medical
 departments of the University of California, has
 sailed as a foreign missionary to China. She has a sister
 already in the missionary service in India.

Dr. Cooke goes out under the auspices of the Wom-
 an's Board of Pacific to Lintsing, China, where Dr.
 Susan Tallmon-Sargent had been serving. She sailed
 on November fifth on the "Korea Maru." A great
 throng of friends from Calvary church, (which is
 the Golden Gate church moved to another locality,) and
 many friends from the other churches were at
 the wharf to bid her Godspeed.

She was the guest of honor of many occasions, be-
 fore going, and carried with her many tokens of
 love and esteem. The prayers of many people will
 follow her on her long journey and in her life-long
 work among the millions of needy women in the
 North of China where she is to be located.

GOES TO WINNIPEG

The Riverside church very much regrets losing its
 pastor, Rev. George Laughton, who has received a
 unanimous call from the Central church of Winnipeg.
 Mr. Laughton has endeared himself to the people and
 made himself a power for good in the community.
 The field to which he is called is a large one; the
 Winnipeg church has a membership of 1,800, and in
 his great task there he will have two capable assist-
 ants besides a church secretary. He expects to begin
 his new pastorate on the first Sunday of 1921. The
 best wishes of the Riverside church and community
 will go with him. Mr. Laughton was pastor a few
 years ago of the Mission church of this city.

LOOKING TOWARD EASTER

The Commission on Evangelism is sending out a bundle of valuable material looking to a great ingathering at Easter time. Churches and pastors ought to equip themselves with an adequate supply. The little booklet "The Fellowship of Prayer" is quite desirable; members will be glad to avail themselves of the privilege during all of Lent to engage in Bible-study and prayer in unison with thousands of other Congregationalists.

Special retreats for pastors and one or two members from each church are to be held. The program proposes the following: January 3. Bay churches at San Francisco First; and Sonoma at Santa Rosa. January 4. Santa Clara at San Jose; and Upper Bay at Martinez. January 5. Sacramento at Loomis. January 6. Central at Stockton. January 7. San Joaquin at Tulare.

REV. CHARLES WILBUR MERRILL

The sickness and death of Mr. Merrill at Saratoga has removed from our midst one of the prominent figures in our church work. He was always a brave and indefatigable worker. His nature may be somewhat understood from the fact that he joined the army at 16 and was a veteran at the age of 21. He was too young to enlist as a fighter, so he learned to play the fife and went as a musician. After graduation from Beloit and Chicago seminary he served many churches in the middle west, and also the Oroville, Whittier and Saratoga churches in California.

Rev. F. C. Rolls at the memorial service in the Saratoga church for Americus Fuller and Mr. Merrill, said concerning the latter that three words summed up his life, "Zealous for God," (Acts. xxii:22). "His zeal for God was characteristic of his whole life; it was God first, and God always."

There were four ministers who were close friends, members of the Saratoga church: Edwin Sydney Williams, David Bell, Americus Fuller and Charles W. Merrill. The second in the list is the only one remaining of this pristine fellowship. Mr. Bell was unable to be present at the memorial services on account of ill-health.

Besides the widow Mr. Merrill leaves a daughter, Mrs. Mary M. King of Bulgaria, now in Saratoga, and a son, Dr. Paul W. Merrill at the Mount Wilson Observatory.

A SUCCESSFUL WORK

An achievement which brings pride and joy to his people is that accomplished by Dr. Charles L. Kloss and the members of Plymouth church Oakland. In three short years a debt of \$41,700 dollars (including interest) has been provided for, and nearly two hundred members have been added to the church. What was a short time ago a disheartening membership facing disaster has been changed into a well-organized working force. When Dr. Kloss came to the church in Oct. 1917 a great debt overshadowed the church. It had a \$45,000 edifice and a \$30,000 gymnasium and this debt.

Through a vigorous drive this entire amount of indebtedness has been taken care of, with the assistance of the Church Building Society. The loan from this society is being paid off in ten annual installments. In addition to this large increases have been secured in the weekly pledges, so that the current expenses of the year are entirely provided for. The church's financial condition is the best in the history of the church.

Dr. Kloss's greatest ability however is along spiritual lines. His sermons are deeply moving appeals to higher living and thinking. His hold upon his hearers is little short of marvelous. He has rallied around himself a band of loyal supporters, which must mean much for the future power and usefulness of this church.

His leadership is such that he has made his fellowers real partners in his battles and his triumphs; the organization he has built will live long after him.

—A Member of Plymouth Church.

SYRIAN CLASS

(Taken from the Bulletin Board of the Stockton Congregational Church.)

On January 12th, not one of these ladies could read or write a word of English. Mrs. Johnson was the only one who could write in her own language.

In the Syrian language one writes from right to left, instead of left to right as we do. Think of the difficulties that have to be overcome. These are grown women with less readiness to the mind than children possess.

In addition to progress in writing they have finished a reader and have learned to figure. They also have learned that somebody in this great America has a friendly interest in them. Our women can be of service by taking their address and calling upon them.

This class has been under the direction of the Social Service Department of our church. The teacher is Mrs. B. R. Campbell. The total cost has been \$48.00. Can you beat it?

(A sample letter by Mrs. Johnson.) "I love the American Flag. It is my flag now. I love its stars and stripes. This flag gives us protection and liberty. My husband honors it. We teach our children to love the flag. Mrs. Johnson."

Herbert D. Brown, chief of the United States Bureau of Efficiency, says that "more than 88 per cent of the money spent by the Government next year will be on account of past and future wars." The total monies appropriated by the Government for 1918 apart from the Postal Service and deficiencies slightly over four-billion dollars; 68 per cent of it will go to pay obligations incurred by us by wars; Congress has appropriated over 800 million dollars for national defense with regard to our future wars. That is twenty per cent of our total national expense. When we pay one dollar in taxes, we must remember that War consumes eighty-eight cents of it, and Peace has the use of only 12 cents. Is there a sane method of life among nations?